

Salem Lamartine 9: 30 4/27/69

\*Processional Hymn 277  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Genesis 1  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

Communion May 25  
Community Mem. Ser. May 25 7:30

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 273  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 280  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

St. John Emmenton 11:00 4/27/69

\*Processional Hymn 23  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Sel. 48 Pg. 596  
Hymn 65  
Scripture Genesis 1  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Comm. May 25.  
Community Memorial ser. May 25 7:30

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 191  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 273  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

All of us: Come bless the Lord, all you  
servants of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the  
holy place and bless the Lord. May the Lord bless  
you from this time who have heaven and earth.

All of us: Confession: The Lord is near to all who call  
upon his name, to all who call upon him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him, he  
also hears their cries and saves them. Let us come to  
the Lord in humble confession.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: There is therefore now no  
condemnation for those who ~~live~~ are in Christ Jesus  
who walk not according to the flesh but according  
to the spirit. Amen

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Lumberton 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, ex Bloomsfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP September 26, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 14  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Pervade us, O Lord for lack of love toward thee whose love has never failed, for doubt of thy goodness and unbelief in thy providence, for in gratitude for blessing received and unwillingness to give of that which thou hast given, for any fullness of insight which has kept us unaware of thy glory, and for any disobedience unto such heavenly visions as we have been able to see. Pervade us, O Lord, and may we henceforth love thee as we ought, for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture--Genesis I  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 76  
 The Sermon---"How Big Is Your God?"  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 87  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude  
 \*Consecration Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday Oct. 3rd we will observe World Wide Communion in both churches. We will also collect the special offering for Neighbors In Need. You may wish to give a portion of your offering to the Pakistan Relief Fund. If so, please so mark the envelope.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the chancel are placed in memory of John Achenbach by Linda Achenbach and family.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 3-17 any kind of clean clothing is being collected by the Ladies of the Church for the Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Miss. On Oct. 3, 10, 17 an offering plate will be placed in the back of the church for offerings to be used for the postage and handling of these clothes.

Church Women United will meet Monday Oct. 4th at the Lutheran Parish House at 7:30 A.M. All women are invited.

TRINITY CHURGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph S. Link, Pastor 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Dunsmuir  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP October 3, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 176  
 \*The Call to Worship and Invocation  
 The Scripture---Matthew 11:2-19, 25-30  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 \*The Apostles Creed Page 23  
 The Announcements  
 The Reception of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 214  
 \*The Communion Hymn 341  
 \*The Order of Holy Communion Page 32  
 \*The Seraphic Hymn #522  
 The Institution of the Lord's Supper  
 The Consecration of the Elements  
 The Communion (Please retain the elements until all have received them)  
 \*The Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 \*The Hymn of Response 153  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The regular monthly consistory meeting will be held Monday Oct. 4th at 7:30 P.M.

Win-A-Choo Class will meet Fri. Oct. 15th at 7:30 P.M. in the home of Pearl Leppard

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Ladies of the Church will meet Thurs. Oct. 7th at 7:00 P.M. at the church. We will go directly to the Perry County Race.

Mrs. Verna Moore is in room 436 at Hershey Medical Center.

The Planning Pilgrimage Tour of Perry County will be held on Thurs. Oct. 14th. Cost of the tour, which will include a turkey dinner at Wana Springs Lodge, will be \$4.00. Place your reservations before Oct. 8th, with Mrs. Esther Kitcher at 562-2826. Money must accompany reservations. Be here at our church at 8:30 P.M. See bulletin board for details.

Church School officers for 1971-72.  
 Supt. Frank Fry Sec. Ed Groff  
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World Wide Communion Sunday October 1, 1971

Text Luke 14: 23, 24: "Go to the open roads and the hedgerows and force people to come in to make sure the house is full; because, I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall have a taste of my banquet."

Parable by Jesus; Man and banquet feast.

Servant goes out to tell guests all is ready.

Guests refuse, reasons; bought lot, new oxen, just got married.

Host sends servant out to bring in lame, crippled, blind from alleys, streets still room.

Servant out again to open roads and verse above.

Parable has usually one meaning, but in this story different.

God is host. Invitations sent out to VIP. the acceptors of Christ.

Approved invitations read, something like Mr. God requests <sup>THE HOUSE OF</sup> your presence at banquet to be given at such a place at such and such a time etc.

Reverents reply with Mr. God. I cannot because they will be unable to attend because of previous commitments, new business ventures or feeling that feast and banquet will be full and barren.

Sends servant out to hedgerows and highways so that house may be full.

Goodly portion has come to pass.

Be called followers of Jesus turning back to God and church.

Worship in throes of worst ever.

Large churches almost empty.

Can country solve problem.

Churches competing with everything from television to union meetings.

Then see groups of young people, people actually, all faces outside church called Jesus people and shunned by church

ORC: Churches cannot understand what outside.

Then churches become comfortable and self righteous those seeking Jesus cannot find him in our stately class beautiful buildings.

Thus Jesus movement outside.

Jesus still calls, and this is why World Wide Com. Sunday.

Let another Communion service but join together as fellow believers in Jesus and celebrate last supper together.

Day began on Fiji Islands churches will continue around world.

All one thing in common. Remembered of Jesus in remembrance of what He did.

Invited invite from him engraved with nail prints, and calls again the familiar phrase, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Say to servant that we may heed the invitation and never refuse to be a participant in his banquet. Amen.



Text: Luke 14: 23 & 24; "Go to the open roads and the hedgerows and force people to come in to make sure the house is full; because I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall have a taste of my banquet."

Jesus tells a parable to those ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the 14th chapter of Luke. He is telling the story to those who are following him around the countryside. He tells of a man who gave a banquet. A rather large banquet. When the time came for the banquet he sent his servant to tell those invited, that everything was in readiness. But each one the servant encountered gave some sort of excuse. One said he had just bought a plot of ground and he must go on see it. Another said he had bought some new oxen and he wanted to try them out. Another said he had just gotten married and he could not come to the feast for this reason. The servant went back to his master and told him of the replies he had received. This made the host very angry and he flew into a rage. He told the servant to go out into the highways and the streets and the alleys of the town and to bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. When this was done there was still room. So he told him to go out to the open roads and the hedgerows and bring in still more, and to make sure the house was full. Then he told the servant that none of those who were invited would have a taste of his banquet.

Now as is so often the case this parable is supposed to have many meanings. Actually, a parable is supposed to only have one meaning and all of the principles of the story are not to be explained away. But I think we can readily see in this story that Jesus is talking about the Kingdom of God. God is the one giving the banquet and those invited are the followers of Jesus. Those followers refuse to accept the invitation because they are too concerned with the material things of life. Those who come in to the banquet are the ones considered outside the fold by the Christians.

The man giving the banquet in this story is God. He has sent out invitations to those who are the invited guests for this feast. They are the VIP's of his kingdom. Those who have accepted Christ and are his followers. But the strange thing is that after they have received the engraved invitations, you know, the ones that say "Mr. God requests the honor of your presence at a banquet and feast being held on such and such a date, the recipients reply with their own engraved letter that states, "Mr. A. and Mrs. B. and do regret they will be unable to attend your gala function on such and such a date. The reasons are numerous. Previous engagements, new business ventures and

Many other excuses. And so he becomes angry and tells his servant which is Jesus to seek out those who are considered the interests of society. And he sends him out to the open roads and the hedgerows to fill the house.

I think we can readily see that a goodly portion of this has come to pass. The so called invited or those who are supposedly the followers of Jesus have turned and are turning their backs upon God and his church. England right now is in the most desperate throes it has ever been in as far as the church goes. And this is all denominations. Churches with a seating capacity of 700 or more are lucky if 90 people show up for Sunday worship. In our own country the churches are having a difficult time competing with all of the other things offered on Sunday mornings. The things range from television to union meetings. We all have so many things to do and they must be done on Sunday morning instead of going to church.

Then we look around us and we see groups of young people as well as many older folk, caught up in a movement we call the Jesus people and we can't understand why this movement is outside of the Church. We cannot conceive that anything like this can take place outside of our nice stained glassed buildings. What we really do not see though is that our churches have become comfortable and self righteous and those who are truly seeking Jesus cannot see him or find him in the church structure. Thus the mass movement outside of its walls.

But Jesus is still extending the invitation of God. He has extended it to the entire world. This is what makes World Wide Communion Sunday have a real meaning and purpose. It is not merely for the opportunity to have another Communion Service. But it is to join together as fellow believers in Christ and to celebrate his Last Supper once again in unity. The day began as it does each year on the first Sunday in October with a Communion service in the Churches on the Fijian Islands. From there it spread all the way around the globe. Many thousands of people have already had communion by now, and many thousands more will have it later today. But all of us will have one thing in common and that is, we will partake of the Lord's body and blood in remembrance of what he did for us. When he extends to us the engraved invitation to come and feast, it is engraved with the nail prints in his hands and feet. And he calls to us once again that familiar phrase, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." May God grant that we may heed the invitation and never refuse to be a ~~partaker~~ participant in his banquet. Amen.